

## HOUSE BILL NO. 294

INTRODUCED BY T. FACEY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY IN MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACTS; REQUIRING A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER THAT RECEIVES 33 PERCENT OF ITS FUNDING OR \$2 MILLION IN STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS TO HAVE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Community mental health centers -- legislative representation on boards.** (1) The legislature finds that because of the amount of state and federal money allocated for mental health services in this state that is administered predominantly by community mental health centers and without significant competition, it is in the best interest of the state to have legislative representation on the boards of directors of community mental health centers to ensure accountability for rendering the services provided under contract.

(2) Each community mental health center that receives the lesser of 33% of its operating budget or \$2 million in state or federal money that is passed through by the state shall provide for two legislators to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members on the board of directors. The legislators may be chosen from a list prepared by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate. The members may serve in this capacity only during their term of office.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 53, chapter 21, part 10, and the provisions of Title 53, chapter 21, part 10, apply to [section 1].

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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